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(inventor(s))

Application No.: 10/047,754

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For: INPUT DATA SELECTION FOR CONTENT ADDRESSABLE MEMORY

(title)

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X42	\$
+140	\$
Total Add. Fee	\$

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Prior to the examination of the above-identified application, applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to enter this Preliminary Amendment.

Claims

Please add the following new claims 33-36.

- 1 33. (New) A method, comprising:
 - 2 receiving first data on an input bus of a CAM device for performing a write operation;
 - 3 and
 - 4 receiving second data on the input bus of the CAM device for performing a compare
 - 5 operation.

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